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SPRINGFIELD FELON INDICTED FOR RECEIVING THREE STOLEN FIREARMS FROM 1800s

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Springfield, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury for receiving stolen firearms that were manufactured during the 1800s.

George T. Doos, 44, of Springfield, was charged in a sealed indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Thursday, April 1, 2004. The federal indictment was unsealed and made public upon **Doos**' arrest on Friday, April 2, 2004.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Doos** received three stolen firearms between Jan. 11, 2004, and March 16, 2004, in Greene County, Mo. These firearms include a M1849 .36 caliber Colt Pocket Revolver, a U.S. Model 1842 Percussion Pistol and a Model 1851 Colt Navy Revolver. Each of the firearms is valued in excess of \$1,000, Graves said.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that on March 20, 2004, **Doos** used physical force against another person with the intent to prevent communication to law enforcement that he had received the stolen firearms.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Doos** knowingly possessed on March 22, 2003, in Greene County, a Jennings .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol containing a serial number that had been obliterated.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Doos** was a felon in possession of a Taurus .38 special revolver and a Jennings .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol on March 22, 2003, in Greene County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Doos** has a previous felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance for sale in the State of California.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Monroe. It was investigated by the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and Greene County Detective Richard Mayo, the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow